



City of Surigao

Philippines

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 26 Series of 2020

AN ORDER FOR THE PROHIBITION OF MINORS INSIDE THE INTERNET CAFES AND THE SUSPENSION OF BUSINESS OPERATION OF PISONET

WHEREAS, SECTION 15, ARTICLE II OF THE 1987 CONSTITUTION mandated the State to protect and promote the right to health of the people and instill health consciousness among them;

WHEREAS, the Secretary of Health has confirmed the local transmission of CORONA VIRUS DISEASE - 19 (COVID-19) in the Philippines;

WHEREAS, on January 30, 2020, the WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION (WHO) has considered the CORONA VIRUS DISEASE 2019 (COVID-19) AS A PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY OF INTERNATIONAL CONCERN (PHEIC);

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 10, Series of 2020 of the INTER-AGENCY TASK FORCE for the MANAGEMENT OF EMERGING INFECTIOUS DISEASES (TFMEID) declared that COVID-19 has the propensity to INFECT LARGE NUMBERS OF PEOPLE THROUGH CROWDS and GATHERINGS REGARDLESS OF SIZE which requires SOCIAL DISTANCING MEASURES to be adopted and implemented;

WHEREAS, it has been reported that minors are frequenting the Internet Cafes during their leisure hour and even during school hours;

WHEREAS, the presence of these minors in the Internet Cafes has dangerously exposed them to the hazards and perils of COVID-19 infection to the serious detriment of the health and welfare of the inhabitants of the City;

WHEREAS, the business operation of INTERNET CAFES and PISONETs are patronized not only by adults but also by minors and the gatherings of its customers within the area of its operation is in violation of Resolution No. 10, Series of 2020 of the INTER AGENCY TASK FORCE for the MANAGEMENT OF EMERGING INFECTIOUS DISEASES (TFMEID) WHICH REQUIRES SOCIAL DISTANCING MEASURES to be adopted and implemented to prevent or minimize the risk of COVID-19 contamination;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, **ERNESTO U. MATUGAS, JR.**, in order to contain or prevent the spread of COVID-19, mitigate its effects, prevent loss of life and ensure the health, safety and well-being of the inhabitants of the City, by virtue of the powers vested in me by law, as City Mayor of the Local Government Unit of Surigao City, do hereby declare:

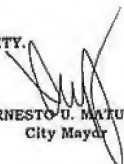
- a. **THE SUSPENSION OF THE BUSINESS OPERATION OF ALL INTERNET CAFES and PISONETS;**
- b. **The business owner or operator shall be responsible for the compliance of this Order. A VIOLATION HEREOF SHALL CAUSE THE SUSPENSION OR CANCELLATION OF THE BUSINESS PERMIT issued by the City Government without prejudice to his/her criminal prosecution under the law.**

LET COPIES OF THIS ORDER BE FURNISHED THE PHILIPPINE NATIONAL POLICE AND THE PUNONG BARANGAY OF EACH BARANGAY OF THE CITY FOR ITS STRICT IMPLEMENTATION.

THIS ORDER SHALL BE EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.

SO ORDERED.

MARCH 17, 2020. SURIGAO CITY.


HON. ERNESTO U. MATUGAS, JR.
City Mayor

Cc: PNP ()
City Barangay ()
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